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600 Page Mystery

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FROZEN
Rose? Did you hear me?
WOBBLE
Oh, crap!
Kitsune-sama! Are you OK?
BONK!
What could've been so bad as to render all of our admins totally unconcious?
Was it a worldwide shortage of manga? Did Shoujo manga cease to exist?
Oh, no! It was something much more sinister
STAFF SHORT-AGES!
SNAP!
HUGE PILES OF TRANSLATED CHAPTERS...
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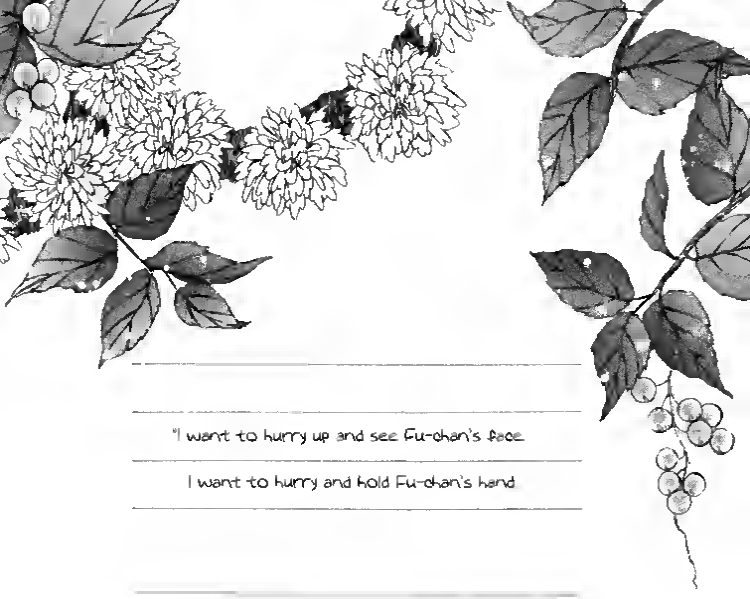
Chapter 2:
Akutagawa Letters
600 Page
Mystery



"I want to hurry up and see Fu-chan's face.

I want to hurry and hold Fu-chan's hand.

And even if these things are impossible,

my heart's become so impatient that

I can't stand it anymore."

"The Spirit Collection of Ryunosuke Akutagawa"
by Toru Ishiwari (Iwanami Bunko)

EEEH HH?!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MIZUSHIMA FROM THE LIBRARY?
NATSUMI, YOU'RE DATING HIM?!
YEAH
AH, I UNDERSTAND QUESTION 4 NOW!!
HOLD ON A SECOND!
FORGET QUESTION 4, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GUY YOU'RE DATING!!
Gives us some more details—!
DO YOU GUYS GO OUT TOGETHER?
BOOKS
EH? NO
EH?
WHAT DO YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT THEN?
IN THE LIBRARY.
THEN WHERE DO YOU GUYS MEET?
...ISN'T THAT JUST A REGULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A LIBRARIAN AND A STUDENT?
Oh ok. Not dating
You
Library + Books = ?
EH?

there's this amazing librarian.
ARE YOU GUYS REALLY DATING?
EH?
After school, in the local library that I always go to,
own Library
MIZUSHIMA -SENSEI,
I'M BACK
Open

WELCOME BACK, ASAMI
SENSEI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARRANGING THE BOOKSHELF
EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST ORDERING IT BY SERIAL NUMBERS, I HAVEN'T MADE MUCH PROGRESS
SENSEI, CAN I HELP OUT?
YEAH
But it's not a particularly interesting task
That's all right!
I can also look for books to read today!
TAP
This one
7698
Sammy
Sammy
Huh?
He's started reading the book (Laughs)
And I was wondering why he was silent
Is that why he hasn't made any progress?

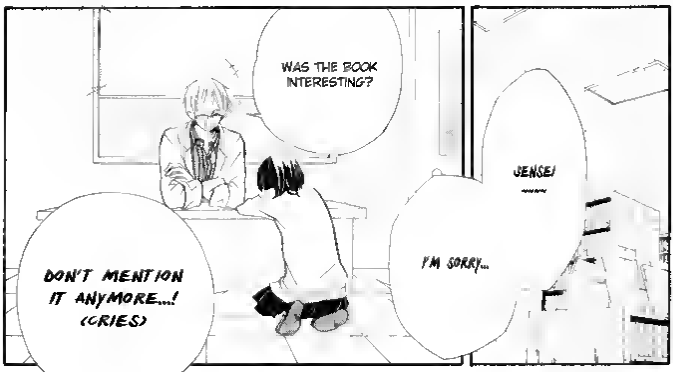
Thump
I wonder what book he's reading
I'll try to slowly approach him to find out
Thump
But, I also want to watch from this angle
BUT, I HAVEN'T FINISHED ARRANGING ROW R, W OR Y YET-
It's this side of Mizushima -sensei that I like the most
Thump

Hm
bone with this side.
AH,
HE'S REALIZED
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES HE'S GONE THROUGH THIS
Shocked
He he he
Focused
Focused
No sound.
AH
...

Smiles
TURNS HEAD
Ah.

CLOSES

Asami, who's completely immersed into her reading mode, has a habit of sometimes automatically finding a chair to read in.



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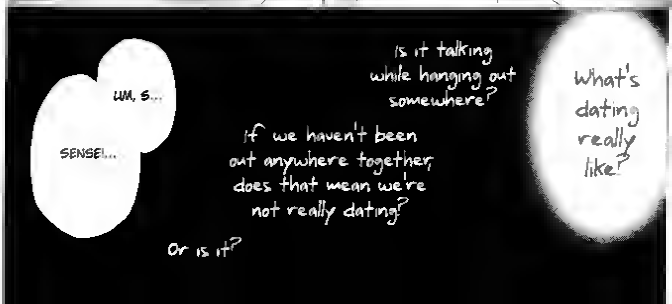
「銀河」からの手紙では
冒頭と後半に
題材の文学作品の
からみた演出をして
いるのですが
各話どういう画に
しようか悩みます。
ネームの段階では
「機関車が…」と
「カボチャ…？」
「リンゴ…？」
程度で
ページに
ペンが入りだしても
白原稿のまま
ということもありました。
悩ましい！
エみき「六百頁」の
浅見ちゃんが
本の中を
旅している大ゴマでも
ギッチギチまで手が
かかっていました。
でも
そんな描くのも
楽しいです。
自分で見ても楽しい
マンガが描ける
喜び
描くときの目標です。
ちょっと今うたた寝
「実は…」
おどりをおどった
UWAAAAAAAA.
It was meant to be my job only ways
THEN THAT'S GOOD
Asumi
I love sensei the most.....!!
Rush of emotions
?
??
Let my mind calm down a bit
I need to relax a bit
Rashomon
SENSEI
AHH I'VE ALSO HAD A TEST ON HIM BEFORE
THE QUIZ THIS TIME IS ABOUT AKUTAGAWA RYUNOSUKE—

ASAMI ALREADY HAS EXAMS?
YEAH...
...SO FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, I CAN'T COME TO THE LIBRARY...
PROBABLY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS
I can't read books either...
I might die...
DEPRESSED
I'm also worried about the questions concerning Akutagawa sensei's works...
...
THE EPISTLE COLLECTION OF AKUTAGAWA RYUNOSUKE IS ALSO QUITE INTERESTING.
EPISTLES—LETTERS?
YEP, THE LETTERS HE WROTE WITH HIS FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL
AND LETTERS HE EXCHANGED WITH HIS TEACHER SOSEKI NATSUME
NATSUME !!
HE WAS HIS TEACHER !!
THERE ARE ALSO
LOVE LETTERS HE WROTE TO HIS FIANCE "FU-CHAN".

LOVE
THE GUY WHO WROTE RASHOMON?!
THE GUY WHO ALSO WROTE HELL SCREEN ?!
The problem about his model is already scary enough!
WELL, IN HIS TIME PERIOD IT WAS NORMAL TO USE LETTERS TO COMMUNICATE TO EACH OTHER.
"FU-CHAN"... FUMI-SAN WAS 17 AT THAT TIME, WHILE AKUTAGAWA WAS NOT YET 26
THE IMAGE OF AKUTAGAWA FROM THIS PIECE OF WORK IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT... IT'S QUITE CUTE.
Cute?!
?!
Although the letter to Fumi was in the front of the work
Love letters
He he he
AH
AND
IT GIVES READERS THE FEELING THAT HE REALLY LIKES "FU-CHAN"
I REALLY WANT TO READ THEM
WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR EXAMS—
Even though I'm really confident with my reading knowledge,
In the end, Sensei knows a lot more about books than I do.
That he's able to tell me about these things makes me really happy

Ever since I arrived here today, all we talked about were books!
Books and bookshelves,
In the end, it's all about books!!
...
?
Is it really like this?
How can I describe it, this feeling of everyday conversation
"ISN'T THIS JUST A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A LIBRARIAN AND A STUDENT?"
!!
BLOWS

ARE YOU GUYS REALLY DATING?
EH...


What's dating really like?
Is it talking while hanging out somewhere?
If we haven't been out anywhere together, does that mean we're not really dating?
Or is it?
UM, S...
SENSE!...

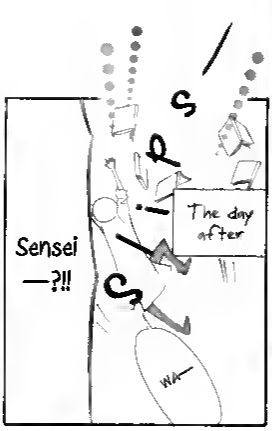
startled
Shocked
—EH?
CRAP.
SENSEI...
DO YOU REALLY LIKE ME...?
Suddenly
I...
What did I say?!
Runs
ASAMI
Crap.
SENSEI, I'M SORRY...

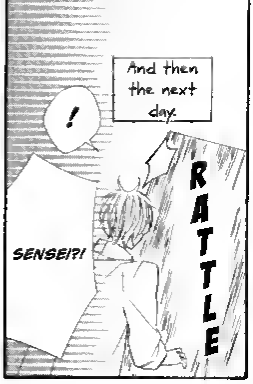
THIS IS REALLY BAD—!!
MY THOUGHTS ARE SO HEAVY...
ARE THOSE THE LINES OF A DEPRESSED GIRL?
YOU'RE RIGHT~!!
Your broom's upside down! Upside down!
...AFTER THE EVENT HAPPENED, REMORSE CAN BE WRITTEN AS THE WORD REGRET
...RIGHT...
horrible disaster ended
Half a century
...SENSEI'S ALREADY A MATURE ADULT
...BUT HERE I AM IN THE CORRIDOR STILL ON CLEANING DUTY.
What's she talking about?
Probably that she's still a child ?
DESPITE ALL THIS
EVEN IF I KEEP HAVING THESE HEAVY THOUGHTS,
IF I KEEP FEELING LIKE THIS,
I...
I'LL BE HATED...
This is the first time
I've fallen in love.

Does one sentence that can completely end the world truly exist?
It's because we said too much
—Sorry Nat-chan
So when I do something wrong I don't know what to do
Even if it's like this, even if it's like this,
I still can't go to the library
If I even let this problem affect my grades,
then I'll be even more of a child
Exam Syllabus
WORKING HARD
...
Ah.
TEARS
I definitely caused Sensei a lot of trouble
drips down
At the very least, I don't want to become such a willful, flighty girl

I wonder what emotions Sensei is going through every day?
DAZED—
Are his eyes open?
DAZED—
ooo
He's petrified..!
Some one go talk to him.
I don't have the courage!
Sensei—!!
SUDDENLY STANDS UP
SOR-
SENSEI
CLUTTER
AH, SORRY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
Smiles.
SORRY, SORRY.
...!!
Mizushima sensei's collapsed onto his knees.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
He's collapsed

TALK
...
TALK
...


The day after
Sensei —?!!
WA—

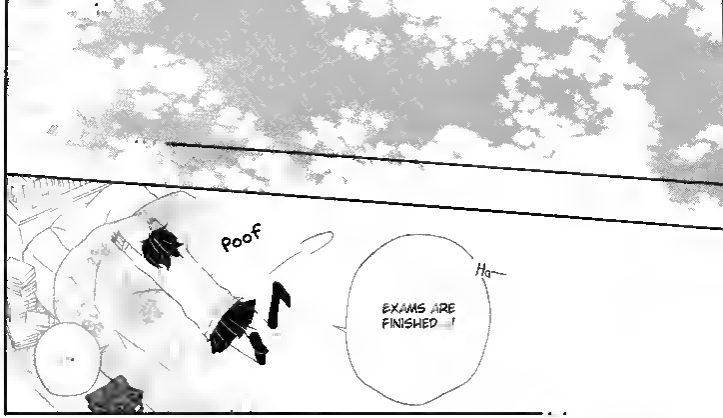

And then the next day.
!
SENSEI?!
RATTLE

What do you mean "what is it", what is wrong with you?!!
Flash
WHAT IS IT?

AH, I'M VERY SORRY,
EVERYONE PLEASE THOROUGHLY ENJOY READING
THIS IS SO MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN READING!
WE CAN'T!

SOMETHING SMALL JUST HAPPENED
Ha ha ha
THIS IS REALLY RARE
It's really refreshing
SORRY
YOU'VE DROPPED SOME-THING AGAIN
Here
EVEN THOUGH I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT IT,
BUT BECAUSE IT'S SO EMBARRASSING I CAN NEVER SAY IT
—BUT IF IT MAKES THE OTHER PERSON DISTURBED,
THEN THAT'S NO GOOD

Dawning.
...
YES.
SENSEI
...
SENSEI'S IN LOVE, RIGHT?

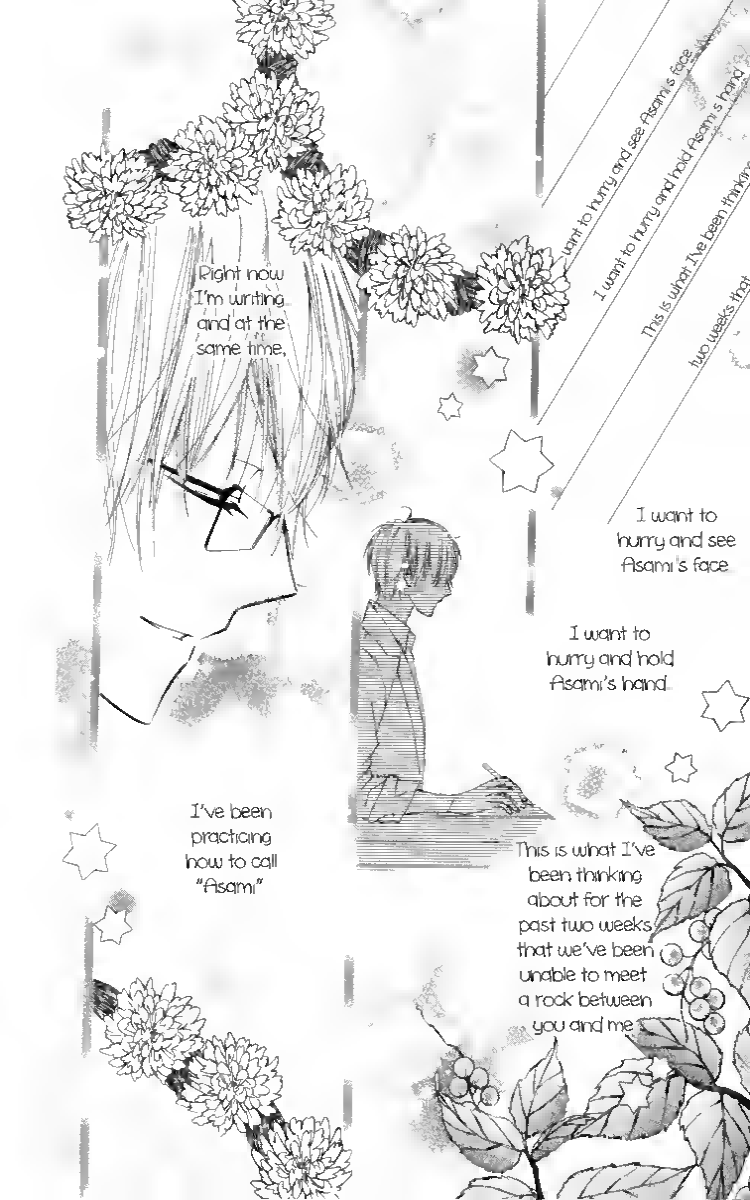


But,

but I don't know what kind of expression I should go see Sensei with.

I really want to go to the library

What?
!?
WHO WOULD SEND—
Akutagawa Ryunosuke
Akutagawa Ryunosuke
It can't be
WHAT IS THIS—
RUSTLE
Mom didn't even notice
!
I borrowed
someone else's name
to write this letter
Hurry


Right now I'm writing and at the same time,
I've been practicing how to call "Asami"
I want to hurry and see Asami's face.
I want to hurry and hold Asami's hand.
This is what I've been thinking about for the past two weeks that we've been unable to meet a rock between you and me.
I want to hurry and see Asami's face.
I want to hurry and hold Asami's hand.
This is what I've been thinking
two weeks that

And even if there isn't a way for this to become reality my heart's become so restless that I can't hold it in any longer
Right now all that's on my mind is that I want to hurry and see Asami's face
Salutations
Even though the library is full of lively people
it's so quiet I don't even notice them
Asami Natsumi-san
I just keep thinking that I need to wait patiently and then I'd be able to see your face
so restless that I can't hold it
Salutations
Asami Natsumi-san

IT MAKES READERS FEEL AS IF HE REALLY TRULY LIKES "FU-CHAN".
Sensei
Can I think of it as you changing that feeling of "liking Fu-chan"
SENSEI
to "liking Asami Natsumi"?
PS
The library has just purchased new mystery novels
These novels might just be Asami's favorite type

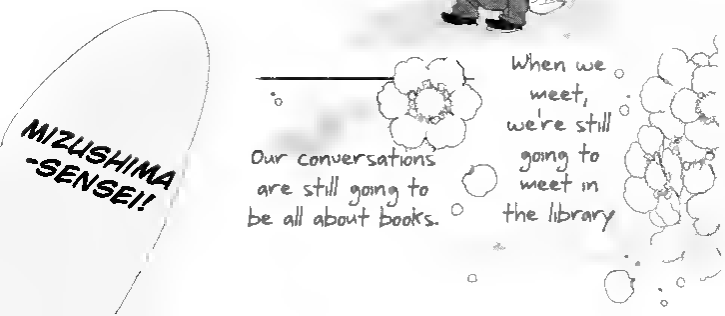
How happy was "Fu-chan" at that moment?

In my case,

LET'S GO
RUNS
Flips open
From: Asami Natsumi
Subject: I've read the letter.
Hm?
BUZZ—
BUZZ—
I'm coming to meet you, right now.

I like sensei the most...

My hearts still beating !!
!!
MIZUSHIMA COLLAPSES


MIZUSHIMA -SENSEI!
Our conversations are still going to be all about books.
When we meet, we're still going to meet in the library

But even so, this is enough
This is the love between Sensei and I.